

Kansas Farm Bureau - Women's Leadership Committee District Activity Reports

District Two – Debbie Kueser

We had a Women's Training Meeting on April 20th with eleven chairs and coordinators attending. George Pretz our District Board Member and Charlie Sargent, our District Administrator also attended.

Jill Casten and Meagan Cramer did the training. Jill talked about how to give the "elevator speech". She said we need to build trust and listen to their concerns.

Meagan gave us a lesson on social media. With all the bad press that agriculture is getting we have to be part of the conversation.

I was very pleased how our training meeting went. I wasn't sure what to expect but I got some e-mails from some of the counties thanking me for doing it.

We also talked about having a district event. Everyone seemed interested so I will see what we can come up with.

Osage County is doing pedal pulls, watermelon feeds at the county fair, helped sponsor a stroke detection and are going to help with a 3 county legislative tour. Franklin County does a newsletter and a Farmer Blog. Both are linked to their facebook page and website. They also sponsored a Domestic Violence Program.

Miami County had a Touch a Truck event that was well attended. They did it with very little expense to the county. They had 4 sponsors at \$100 each. They had a dump truck, excavator, combine, tractors, reserve boat, stock trailer, face painting, fire truck, ambulance, dairy demo, and a semi. Everyone was interested in this project and a lot of questions were asked.

Morris County is using the Consumer Science program in schools to help with projects like food safety, nutrition, etc.

Wabaunsee County said that they are seeing Rice production being established in the area.

Anderson County had a Babysitting Clinic, had articles in the newspaper during ag week, donated a tree to an elementary school for Earth Day, and had their Day on the Farm. There were over 100 kids, teachers and volunteers attending. In the afternoon the FFA had stations for them to visit. It was a very successful day. They also will have a booth at the County Fair this summer.

District Three – Christy Springer

Third District held a meeting June 1st in Woodson County. They were introduced to the new accounting software.

Plans are in the works for a "Salads & Silhouettes" painting party for third district county women's chairs and county coordinators at the Old Iron Club in Fredonia. We will tour the Old Iron Club, eat yummy salads, share recipes, and paint!

Cherokee County

Annual Ag Earth Day event with over 230 students in attendance

Worked with county extension agents to provide ag education in the classroom with the "Seed in Need" and "Ice Cream in a Bag"

Worked with the KFB Foundation ag grants to provide ag science resources for use in the local classrooms and also homeschools.

Upcoming events include honey bee education and a plant life cycle demonstration.

Labette County

Our Women's Chairman coordinated arrangements for LCHS FFA students to read Kailey books to elementary students in observance of National Ag Week. I believe that 13 FFA students participated. They read books to Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade students in five elementary schools.

Annual Earth Day event held April 21 with an estimated 850 fourth grade students and 46 instructors attending from a five-county area. Member volunteers, FFA students from the five counties, collegiate students, area farm families, and various agencies and organizations helped with this event. Lunch was served to an estimated 150 volunteers and presenters.

Board Member Julie Becker attended the KARL Town Hall Roadshow in Parsons on March 16.

Board Member Jeri Geren and other members attended a multi-county Poultry Litter Meeting on March 2.

Julie Becker helped assemble 100 Kailey Activity books that were donated for children's activities at the Bartlett Co-op Customer Appreciation Day on April 23. (They were printed in our office.)

Board members Julie Becker and Kris Graves helped with our membership booth at the Bartlett Co-op Customer Appreciation Day on April 23.

Scholarship applications accepted and are being reviewed by our Scholarship Committee.

Board member/Communication Chair Julie Becker is helping with Facebook posts.

Conducted our annual safety poster contest.

(Farm Bureau women were involved in all these activities except the poster contest—a gentleman serves as our Safety Chairman.)

Linn County

We had Ag Day at the Fairgrounds. We and the Conservation/NRCS were the only booths. Farmers brought by their equipment and the FFA kids brought their animals and escorted kids to stations. Conservation arranged the live milk cow and the soil tunnel, we had safe soil and food handling. The kids planted watermelon seeds to take home. There were about 130 kids there. This was the first time I got to do a booth outside. I heard and saw running and laughing and an excitement to see everything. Best Ag Day ever!

We have been doing some upgrading to our building. New smaller windows made for a lot of brick work, and very much mess. It is now completed and we are starting to get the offices arranged again.

Montgomery County

Coffeyville O.K. Kids Health Fair

Planted green beans with Independence 3rd graders

Sponsored Tulsa Channel 2 Severe Weather Program in Caney

Held a women's self-defense and soup exchange evening

Legislative Coffee in February

Neosho County

Legislative Coffee in March
Five County Earth Day in April
Scholarships awarded in May
CEC Committee recommendations in June and Fair in July

Wilson County

Stroke Detection Plus event
Legislative Coffee and Donuts
LEADS Trip participants
Day at the Statehouse participant
Assisting EKROA
Earth Day 850 students and 50 teachers, Fredonia and Neodesha FFA assisted
Teamed up with Radiant Electric Coop and did safety presentations in all three county school districts for safety poster promotion. 300 safety posters were entered.
Awarded (2) \$500 Scholarships
Presented FFA Certificates to graduating FFA Members
Participated in the Wilson County Wildflower Tour sponsored by the Conservation District

District Four – Lexy Gover

Cowley County activities

*planning a Women's farm tour for fall, it had to be postponed from late spring.
*sponsored a 1st grade field trip to a local dairy and the ice cream in a bag activity (this is a good thing to look at when the schools lack money for things like field trips)
*Soil presentations in several elementary classrooms
*donated cinnamon rolls to three schools in the county for Teacher Appreciation Week

District Five – Carrie Fraser

- Women in Ag Meeting – The WIA committee had another “Ladies Night Out” with Dr. Dan Thompson as the featured speaker. Approximately 50 women attended from at least four counties.
- All 10 counties have completed 5 sets of the “Ag in a Bucket” that can be used in the schools or for other ag education opportunities
- A couple of the counties participated in the WLC’s organized “Fire Relief” gift cards and personal messages.

District Six – Gimmy Jo Jansonious

- Fire Relief-WLC notes & gift cards; website; cash donations; continuing efforts
- May is Beef Month Producer-Consumer Connection-Radio & Newspaper trivia

District Eight – Sheryl MacNair

Women’s Leadership Committee - I attended the issue surfacing meeting, KNRC (Kansas Natural Resource Coalition) Land, Water and Local Government conference, the Communications, Spokesperson, Media training, attended Senator Moran and Congressman Huelskamp town hall meetings.

Ford Co

* Day on the Farm: 460 4th grade students from 9 schools attended the event.
* Strategic Planning workshop with KFB Jill Casten

- * 2 Barn Quilt workshops will be held in June and August
- * US Congressional Candidate Forum and Ice Cream Social
- * Hosted a Tractor Safety Class
- * Recruited a new member interested in doing food and Ag Ed programs
- * Scholarship program

Gray Co

- * Sent students to Finney County Day on the Farm
- * Garden in a Glove at school
- * Ice Cream in a Bag at school
- * Bread in a Bag at school

Hodgeman Co

- * Sent Pages to Topeka
 - * Participant in GROW (Growing Rural Opportunity Works) program
 - * Presented Gravity Flow Wagon and PTO safety at Ag Ventures in partnership with the local FFA Chapter. 86 K-3 grade students attended.
 - * Sponsored Women's AG Night Out. Promoted Chef Alli's cruises, Barn Quilt workshops and Kailey's Ag books.
 - * Scholarship Program presented awards at Awards Night at school
 - * Hosted a Legislative Coffee
- * Presented FFA Certificates to Seniors at the FFA Banquet

Scott

- * Day on the Farm: 120 3rd grade students from 3 schools attended the event.
- * Scholarship Program
- * Garden in a Glove at the Library
- * Pedal Pull
- * Decorated Hay Bale Contest

District Nine – Carol Deaver

Legislative Update - hosted by Greeley County at Tribune with lunch served at Horace, KS. Heard from Terry Holdren, Rep. John Doll, Rep. Russ Jennings, Mark Rude, Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District and Sarah Zycoff, entomologist with KSU Research.

Safety Poster Contest – County winners in divisions 1 and 3; Honorable Mention in division 3

4 counties participated in the WLC Fire Relief Project; a few counties contributed in other ways to the relief efforts, as well.

Carol, with Kori Davis' help, distributed the Zest and Zing Swag Bags to each County Women's Chair with a brief description of the event and a reminder to be looking forward to our joint meeting with the Coordinators this fall.

Seward and Finney Counties were represented at the Women in Ag conference in Garden City.

Haskell County

- Ag Week – Gave away 50 loaves of bread at each of the grocery stores in the county
- Had a raffle promoting locally produced items that are sold in each store.

Stanton County

- Partnered with the Johnson High School Foods and Nutrition class to present a program on lamb to 2nd

graders; they had centers on lamb production, by-products, shearing and preparation of a lamb entrée with nutrition info.

- Electric pressure cooker classes have continued to be popular with many requests for presentations throughout the district, at each presentation, a brief promo is given regarding the benefits of membership.

Seward County

- Provided root beer floats on the last day of school along with take home packets of ag activities.

- The county board teamed up with Southwestern Heights FFA to fill 1000 mac and cheese packets that were then distributed to area food banks

Finney County

- Presented a center on watersheds at the Ark River Water Festival to area 5th and 6th graders

- No Farmers, No Pancakes pancake feed by the board was served for the second year at one area elementary school

- Helped a local 4th grade class plant flowers for Mother's Day

- Plans underway for a young ag professional appreciation night sponsored by the county board at a Garden City Wind (semi pro baseball) game in July

- Will be participating in the summer reading program presenting a session about ag and nutrition